

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW JOHN MEADE, GREATER PITTSSTON FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK'S 2021 MAN OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Matthew John Meade, who will be recognized as the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's 2021 Man of the Year at their Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Matthew was born to Jack and Staton (Monk) Meade in Luzerne County and raised in Jenkins Township, Pennsylvania. He attended and graduated from Pittston Area High School, and he continued his education at Penn State University, Marywood University, Wilkes University, and King's College.

Matthew is actively involved in his community. He served as the president of the Friendly Sons in 2020. He was instrumental in guiding the organization during COVID-19 and innovating new ways to foster connection and maintain the group's hallmark conviviality despite the challenges of the pandemic. Matthew is also a member of the Knights of Columbus John F. Kennedy Council 372 and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Assembly 948. He is currently the president of the Pittston Knights Home Association.

Matthew has dedicated his professional career and volunteer efforts to educating children and encouraging their athletic endeavors. Since 2012, he has been employed by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit, Greater Nanticoke Area, and Northwest Area, and he has coached young people in track and field, football, golf, and basketball. Matthew also coached in the Avoca Jolly Boys Basketball League.

I am honored to join with the Greater Pittston Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in recognizing Matthew as the 2021 Man of the Year. He has been a longtime champion of local causes and organizations, and he has a bright future ahead of him. May he continue to answer the call to serve his community.

HONORING LARRY DEAN MORSE II

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Dean Morse II of Merced, California. Mr. Morse passed away on September 14th and lived a life of public service through his work as the 30th District Attorney of Merced County.

Mr. Morse was born on March 20, 1957 to Larry Morse, Sr. and Saranne Morse and grew up in Lancaster, California. After graduating

high school, Mr. Morse attended the University of Arkansas where he majored in journalism and wrote for the school paper, which in 1979 landed him a job as a reporter for the Arkansas Democrat. While in Little Rock, Mr. Morse met Cindy Robertson, who he would later go on to marry.

In 1981, Mr. Morse moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a Press Secretary and Legislative Aide to Congressman Bob Whittaker, beginning his career in politics and public service. After a couple of years in Washington, Mr. Morse decided to follow in his father's footsteps and moved to Sacramento to attend the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, which he attended with his wife Cindy. While in law school, he continued his public service, working as the Communications Director for the Senate Democratic Caucus and after earning his J.D., as Legislative Director for State senator Milton Marks.

Mr. Morse began his work as a trial attorney in 1993 when he moved to Merced to work as a member of the Merced County District Attorney's office, where he quickly rose through the ranks and in 1998 was appointed as the Chief Deputy District Attorney. In 2006, Mr. Morse was elected as the Merced County District attorney.

Mr. Morse's time as District Attorney was his biggest source of professional pride. During his tenure, he personally prosecuted the most cases out of his counterparts in many counties, including almost 20 murder cases. Additionally, he started the Violence Interruption and Prevention and Emergency Response (VIPER) program to marshal law enforcement intelligence resources to provide better information to officers on patrols and in investigations. After serving as the Merced County DA, Mr. Morse continued his public service as the Legislative Director for the California District Attorneys Association.

As one who was always civically engaged, Mr. Morse was a member of Merced Elks Lodge 1240, Los Banos Sportsman's Association, E Clampus Vitus, and founding member of the Merced Boys and Girls Club. Most notably, he played a vital role on the committee that brought a University of California campus to Merced.

Mr. Morse loved spending time with his family and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed traveling with his wife of 35 years Cindy and sons Dylan, Ethan, and Ryan, instilling "The Golden Rule" and a love of reading music. After Ethan's tragic death, he was comforted having his granddaughter Ava along with family and friends over to his house, which was a sanctuary to him and his family.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring a skilled prosecutor, public servant, family man, and leader whose contributions to the greater Merced community and State of California will be remembered for generations. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor him as family, friends, and community leaders gather to celebrate the life of a man who made Merced County a better place.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIDSMATTER, NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 20th Anniversary of the Naperville Illinois KidsMatter Organization.

Since 2001, KidsMatter has served to develop and empower young people of all races, ethnicities, and economic backgrounds. Their work has been critical to understanding how a child's upbringing and environment can affect their development.

More importantly, they recognize that the obstacles faced by young adults do not determine their future. Through mental health services, tutoring and leadership academies, and many other services, KidsMatter is leading our community's children to brighter futures ahead.

In addition to serving young adults, KidsMatter provides critical resources to families and parents. This influential organization is building a healthy and resilient new generation, and I look forward to the work they will continue doing in the years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring KidsMatter for their exemplary service to the people of Naperville, Illinois and the surrounding area, and to congratulate them on their 20th Anniversary.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HARRY DAVID JANSOHN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember Harry David Jansohn of Virginia Beach.

Harry "Dave" passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 18, 2021 at the age of 64 years. Harry was born in Washington, D.C. on May 19, 1957 and raised in Annandale, Virginia by his parents, Harry and Janice Jansohn, beside his two sisters, Gloria and Karen and his brother, Matthew. Dave graduated from WT Woodson high school where he was an honor student and also a first chair trumpet player in his school's orchestra.

In addition to his parents and siblings, Dave is survived by his wife, Deana and two sons, Kurt and Connor. Dave was retired from his job at NOAA as a Port Engineer in Norfolk, VA which was a job he loved. He was well thought of and respected by his coworkers at NOAA. His NOAA work colleagues visited him on a regular basis the last 10 years while he was living in nursing homes. They loved bringing him his favorite treats, beer and chocolate

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